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27th Annual Festival of India Saturday and Sunday - Parade on Sunday Canceled

The City of Fremont and the Federation of Indo-Americans of Northern California (FIA) invite you to the 27th Annual Festival of India on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday August 18, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Unfortunately due to permitting requirements, the parade portion of the event has been canceled this year.

The event, also known as the Festival of Globe, showcases India's rich culture and heritage, including live performances, music, dance, and food. The two-day Mela will be held at the Fremont Hall of Justice Parking Lot at 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway in Downtown Fremont.

On Sunday, August 18 at 11 a.m., a candlelight vigil will take place in front of the main stage. The Grand Marshal, Vivek Oberoi, and other VIP guests will be on stage from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. The City of Fremont and FIA stand strong with our community, and we look forward to a bigger and better parade returning in 2020 for the 28th Annual Festival of India. If you are interested in more information about this event, please contact the Federation of Indo-Americans of Northern California (FIA) directly at 510-491-4867.

Fremont Looking for Households to Participate in Local Solar Tour

This fall, the City of Fremont is partnering with the Northern California Solar Energy Association to participate in the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Homes Tour. The City is looking for households who would be interested in showcasing their solar systems during Fremont's Local Solar Tour on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for residents to show off their system to their neighbors and help inform them about the benefits of going solar!



Fremont's Local Solar Tour will consist of a series of solar open houses where community members visit a solar-powered home, talk with the solar owner about the process of going solar, and connect with other solar supporters in their community.

If you are a solar owner and ready to sign up your household to be part of the tour or would like to learn more, please visit www.NationalSolarTour.org or contact Solar Manager Batya Gelfand at manager@norcalsolar.org or the City's Sustainability Manager Rachel DiFranco at rdifranco@fremont.gov or 510-494-4451. Households who would like to participate in the tour must sign up by August 30, 2019.

For community members interested in visiting one of Fremont's solar homes on October 5, more information will be available soon.

Get Your Tickets to the FRC's 20th Anniversary Benefit Concert and Dinner

The Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) is celebrating their 20th anniversary with a fun event. *With a Little Help From My Friends* is a dinner and benefit concert featuring The Sun Kings, California's premier Beatles Tribute Band, who will perform Beatles songs with spot on arrangements and vocal harmonies. The event takes place Friday, September 13 at 6 p.m. at Campo Di Bocce of Fremont. General Admission tickets for the dinner and concert are \$95 per person. VIP Tickets are \$175 per person and include a pre-concert show with Drew Harrison, lead singer of The Sun Kings and amazing John Lennon vocalist, as well as front row seating at the concert.



Founded in 1999, the Fremont FRC is a large collaborative of 24 government and non-profit social service organizations located in one center and working together to build a vibrant Tri-Cities community with strong, healthy families. Proceeds will benefit the Discovery Cove Childcare Center and the FRC's core programs.

Event tickets are available online at www.fremont.gov/frc20 or by contacting FRCevent913@gmail.com or 510-818-9888.

Fremont Developing Green Infrastructure Plan

The City of Fremont is developing a Green Infrastructure Plan to improve water quality and reduce impacts of increased stormwater flows created by the Bay Area's growing urbanization. The plan will outline how the City will phase in additional green infrastructure facilities and projects over the next 20 years.

Green infrastructure uses specially-designed landscaped areas, pervious surfaces, and cisterns to manage stormwater in a natural and environmentally sustainable way. While older "gray infrastructure" approaches use concrete and metal structures to move stormwater quickly away from

streets and other impervious surfaces, green infrastructure allows stormwater to infiltrate into native soils or filter through fast-draining engineered soils. These innovative designs slow runoff from urban and suburban environments to keep pollutants out of local creeks and the Bay. Examples of green infrastructure facilities are available on the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program website at <https://www.cleanwaterprogram.org/index.php/programs/green-infrastructure.html>.

The City of Fremont's green infrastructure planning process will include:

- Updating local planning documents to incorporate green infrastructure requirements
- Adopting guidelines, standard specifications, and typical designs for green infrastructure
- Identifying opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure in public and private development projects, including roadway improvements, storm drain infrastructure, and other public facilities

For more information about the City's local green infrastructure planning process, please contact the Environmental Services Division by email at environment@fremont.gov or call 510-494-4570.



Fremont Mayor Lily Mei Appointed to United States Conference of Mayors Advisory Board

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei was appointed to serve on the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Advisory Board as a board member at its 87th Annual Meeting. The session took place from June 28 through July 1 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The USCM Advisory Board works with the Executive Committee to develop and guide programs that give cities a voice in the development of national urban policy. Through the Conference of Mayors, cities are invited to share their best practices on how they tackled challenges in a variety of issue areas, such as housing, transportation, and education, among others.



"The U.S. Conference of Mayors provides a powerful voice for mayors across the country to address civic challenges and highlight innovative solutions we implement," said Mayor Lily Mei. "I am excited to continue learning from other mayors and advocate for national policies that benefit Fremont."

The current USCM Executive Committee includes President Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills, Michigan; Vice President Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky; Second Vice President Nan Whaley, Mayor of Dayton, Ohio; and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.

In April, Mayor Mei was also elected president for Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (APAMO) within the National League of Cities.

As president for APAMO, Mayor Mei plays a key role in understanding and solving the unique challenges that face the Asian Pacific American community. Her responsibilities include facilitating discussions around policy issues and sharing her experiences in government with other Asian Pacific Americans members and local officials. Mayor Mei was elected on April 9 at the 2019 Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

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